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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING PRISON OVERCROWDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "prisoner population of the correctional system" means the
3 number of inmates residing in the correctional system, and "prisoner
4 capacity of the correctional system" means the total prisoner capacity
5 of all correctional facilities as individually set forth in subsection (b) of
6 this section.

7 (b) The prisoner capacity of each correctional facility in this state
8 shall be as follows:

9 (1) Bergin Correctional Institution, 500;

10 (2) Bridgeport Correctional Center, 840;

11 (3) Brooklyn Correctional Institution, 494;

12 (4) Cheshire Correctional Institution, 1,384;

13 (5) Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center, 1,489;

- 14 (6) Enfield Correctional Institution, 724;
15 (7) Garner Correctional Institution, 750;
16 (8) Gates Correctional Institution, 1,014;
17 (9) Hartford Correctional Center, 984;
18 (10) MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution, 1,551;
19 (11) Manson Youth Institution, 670;
20 (12) New Haven Correctional Center, 724;
21 (13) Northern Correctional Institution, 584;
22 (14) Osborn Correctional Institution, 1,816;
23 (15) Robinson Correctional Institution, 1,151;
24 (16) Webster Correctional Institution, 576;
25 (17) Willard/Cybulski Correctional Institution, 1,044; and
26 (18) York Correctional Institution, 1,305.

27 (c) Whenever the prisoner population of the correctional system
28 equals or exceeds one hundred ten per cent of the prisoner capacity of
29 the correctional system for thirty consecutive days, the Commissioner
30 of Correction shall notify the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice
31 Policy and Planning Division and said undersecretary shall convene a
32 meeting of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission not later
33 than thirty days after such notification.

34 (d) Not later than thirty days after such meeting, the commission
35 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
36 Assembly on judiciary setting forth the community resources that
37 would be required by the Department of Correction, the Board of
38 Pardons and Paroles and the Court Support Services Division to enable

39 the release and adequate community supervision of a sufficient
40 number of nonviolent offenders to reduce the prisoner population in
41 the correctional system to the prisoner capacity of the correctional
42 system.

43 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Not later than January 1, 2009,
44 the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission shall make
45 recommendations concerning the establishment of specialized
46 programs and services for veterans of the armed forces who served in
47 time of war and who are suffering from a traumatic brain injury or
48 post traumatic stress syndrome and are incarcerated or released into
49 the community on probation or parole or pursuant to any other
50 community release, diversionary or reentry program.

51 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) In determining the suitability of
52 an inmate for release on parole, the Board of Pardons and Paroles may
53 consider whether an inmate has earned a high school equivalency
54 diploma or is taking classes toward such diploma. If an inmate is
55 taking classes toward such diploma as of such inmate's parole release
56 date, the board may require, as a condition of such parole release, that
57 such inmate continue such classes and earn such diploma.

58 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2009, the
59 Commissioner of Correction shall submit a report to the joint standing
60 committee of the General Assembly on judiciary setting forth the
61 anticipated reduction in the total prisoner population of the
62 correctional system on and after January 1, 2010, as a result of the
63 legislation raising the age at which a person is considered an adult for
64 criminal law purposes.

65 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The sum of ____ dollars is
66 appropriated to the Department of Correction, from the General Fund,
67 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of hiring an
68 additional two hundred correction officers.

69 (b) The Department of Correction shall assign the correction officers

70 hired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in such a manner as to
71 ensure adequate staffing at all correctional facilities.

72 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
73 to the Department of Correction, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
74 year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing sufficient
75 funds to ensure that parenting programs are available to any inmates
76 who desire to participate in such programs.

77 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Correction
78 and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall
79 notify the police chief and chief elected official of a municipality every
80 thirty days of the names and addresses of the persons, if any, released
81 from confinement in a correctional facility into that municipality on
82 probation or parole or pursuant to any other community release
83 program within the previous thirty days and the support and
84 assistance that is being provided to such person to facilitate their
85 reentry into the community.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To monitor the prison population, increase the number of correction officers, provide incentives for earning a high school equivalency diploma while incarcerated and ensure the availability of programs and services for offenders.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]